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Manzanar Relocation Area
Manzanar, California
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Mr. Thomas M. Temple
5616 So. Drexel Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Temple,

Because of the fact that in the very near future, I shall be going out to Chicago, I am writing this letter to you--the first since you left Manzanar. Because you know what a lazy fellow I can very easily make myself, I feel certain that you will excuse me for not writing earlier.

Shiz Hori has told you that I volunteered for the Army Combat Team. Well--on March 31, the physical examinations were given by the Army doctors who came to Manzanar. I was among the first ten to be examined. Because of my faulty vision, I was not accepted. It seems that I was not even eligible for limited service. Now, I have decided to leave Manzanar and head towards Chicago.

Yesterday, Friday, I wrote to the Friends Service Committee in Pasadena asking about their Hostel in Chicago. If I am accepted there, I shall leave here immediately. I have not been given any definite job offer; therefore, would you please keep me in mind when you run across any positions which are open? As soon as I reach Chicago, I shall try to see you.

My educational background is not too interesting. I graduated the Los Angeles High School and then went two years to the Los Angeles City College. While there, I took a pre-electrical engineering course, but now, I am much more interested in Post-War Administration work. As soon as I receive the opportunity, I intend to continue my schooling so that I might obtain the knowledge necessary to help with reconstruction work. My main reason for working is to gain enough capital so that I might be able to go to some university.

Now for some miscellaneous data: I am twenty years old. My selective service classification is 4-F, I think. Of that, I am not certain, but it will be safe to assume that, don't you think? My typing is average and my usage of English in

speaking and writing is fair or better. I have done a little interviewing work. While attending L.A.C.C., I worked part-time as an office clerk with duties of filing and typing and other general office routines.

The type of work in which I am interested is any kind which is connected with an office. It would be nice if I can have some work where I could use my ingenuity (what little I have) and work in a position which is not too monotonous in character. Any kind of employment will do, however, and it is not necessary that it be in Chicago. I prefer to stay in a large city and would not relish farm work.

Thank you very much. I hope that everything is all right with you. I shall be seeing you again soon, I hope.

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Nyquist